

5 **Abstract of the Disclosure**

 A system, method, and processor readable medium containing processor readable
program code embodied therein are provided that enable network users to view one or
more network user's status and to establish communications with the one or more
network users using a user indicator in an electronic document (*e.g.*, electronic mail
10 message, hypertext markup language document). The user indicator may be a network
user's login identification presented as a hypertext link to one or more communication
options. The system may include an identification module for identifying the one or
more network users. The identification module may identify a network user's login
identification (*e.g.*, the network user's name, employee number) and provide the network
15 user's status using the user indicator. A status module, responsive to the identification
module, provides the status of the network users. The status module may provide a visual
indication of a network user's status using, for example, color coding, formatting,
symbols, etc. A communication module for establishing a communication link with the
one or more network users using the user indicator may also be provided. The
20 communication module may be used to establish a variety of communications with one or
more of the network users. For example, a user may chat, telephone, transmit an
electronic mail message, share one or more application programs, whiteboard
presentations, facsimile, or page to one or more of the network users by selecting the user
indicator using a conventional computer mouse or keyboard.